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IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for monitoring the condition of a vehicle driver, comprising:
 - detecting and monitoring a vehicle's position in a lane, calculating a desired direction of travel,
 - comparing the actual position in the lane with the direction of travel which is calculated,
 - assisting the driver ~~is assisted~~ in maintaining the position in the lane,
 - generating a warning signal for the driver when the calculated direction of travel exactly matches the actual position in the lane over a pre-specified period of time,
 - selectively adding a test signal, which depends on the driving situation, to the calculated direction of travel, and,
 - emitting the warning signal if the vehicle follows the test signal.
2. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further including generating at least one of a visual, an [[and/or]] audible and [[/or]] a haptic warning signal.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further including determining a deviation from the calculated direction of travel, and determining the steering angle at which the steering wheel has to be steered to stay in the lane or to move into the lane.

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5. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 4, further including utilizing a manual torque actuator to shift the zero position of the steering torque by the determined steering angle.

6. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further including dynamically increasing driver assistance for staying in the lane with the deviation from the calculated direction of travel.

7. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further including slowly withdrawing driver assistance for staying in the lane when no lane is identified.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)